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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC ALERT LIST-CUBA AND GUYANA SIGN FISHING AGREEMENT

REF: (A) GEORGETOWN 1242, (B) GEORGETOWN A-108

1. ON DECEMBER 12, GUYANA'S MINISTER OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND CUBA'S SUB-DIRECTOR OF THAT COUNTRY'S NATIONAL FISHERIES INSTITUTE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH CUBAN VESSELS WILL CARRY OUT FISHING AND SHRIMPING OPERATIONS IN GUYANESE WATERS. CUBANS WILL HAVE ON BOARD SOME GUYANESE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES. IN ADDITION 25 GUYANESE ARE SLATED TO GO TO CUBA FOR FISHERIES TRAINING DURING NEXT FOUR YEARS. AGREEMENT IS OUTCOME OF EARLIER VISITS BY CUBAN FISHERIES EXPERTS (REF A).

2. COMMENT: CUBAN AGREEMENT APPEARS TO BE EXACTLY SAME AS POLISH ONE NOW OPERATIVE (REF B). SOURCES INDICATE GOG DID NOT PARTICULARLY WANT YET ANOTHER FISHING ACCORD, AND WAS MERELY ACCOMODATING CUBANS, WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING FISHING POSSIBILITIES HERE. FROM ECONOMIC STANDPOINT JAPANESE AND POLISH ASSISTANCE IS ABOUT ALL GUYANA CAN CURRENTLY ABSORB IN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AREA. IT APPEARS GOG NOT YET TAKING STEPS TO SELECT

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